

Request for Proposal/Call for Conference Speaker

The Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO) is seeking instructors for the 2023 SAO Audit Conference.

Statement of Need

The purpose of this request for proposal/call for conference speakers is to solicit proposals from qualified training providers who can develop and deliver in-person conference sessions to a hybrid audience designed to support the skills and knowledge of government audit professionals.

Intended Audience

The State Auditor's Office may provide fee-based audit training courses for state agencies (Internal Auditing Act, Government Code, Sec. 2102.012). Therefore, most of the participants are from state agencies in Texas; however, the conference is open enrollment so the audience may be diverse.

Deliverables

Interested instructors should propose 60- to 110-minute sessions. Responses should be audit-related or information technology audit-related and designed to enhance the skills and abilities of government audit professionals at all levels. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Audit essentials
- Information technology audit
- Leadership/project management
- Fraud
- Data analysis
- Current trends in audit

Vendors selected must offer conference session in-person on August 2-3, 2023 at the Commons Conference Center (formerly the J.J. Pickle Conference Center) at 10100 Burnet Road, Building 137, Austin, Texas.

All proposals must be submitted on the SAO Call for Conference Speakers Bid Form. We cannot consider bids that do not use our form.

Instructions on Proposal Submission

The SAO will only accept proposals submitted electronically. Proposals must be received no later than 1:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time) on January 9, 2023.

Email proposals to: proposalsubmission@sao.texas.gov.

Note: You should receive a response stating the proposal has been received. If you do not, email proposalsubmission@sao.texas.gov to confirm receipt.

Subject Matter Contact

For further information about the SAO, Professional Development or this Request for Proposal, contact Denise Messina, Senior Professional Development Specialist at, 512-936-9558 or denise.messina@sao.texas.gov.

Other terms/conditions

- The vendor must provide the names of the key personnel who will render the services. No changes shall be made without the SAO's prior written approval.
- The SAO reserves the right to cancel a course due to low enrollment.

- In accordance with the Public Information Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 552), responses to this request for proposal may be subject to disclosure subsequent to a contract award. **Vendors are responsible for clearly and specifically identifying information they believe is proprietary when they submit their proposals.** The SAO will provide notice of requests for information that include vendors' proprietary information, in accordance with the Public Information Act.
- The SAO will not accept responses to this request for proposal that are copyrighted. An instructor may use copyrighted materials for instruction purposes.
- The vendor agrees to cooperate with the SAO in fulfilling any requests for reasonable accommodations made with regard to the provision of the contractor's services by persons with disabilities pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The vendor agrees that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, or belief, be discriminated against in connection with the proposed course.
- The vendor is required to consider Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), if the proposal includes a subcontracting plan.